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SUBJECT: HEROIN PRODUCTION STUDIES

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING DATA SOURCES TO DEVELOP
METHODOLOGIES FOR PREDICTING HEROIN PRODUCTION. POSSIBLY
THE GOM MAY HOLD SUCH A USEFUL BODY OF INFORMATION. FOR
INSTANCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME AGENCY OF THE GOM HAS
DONE A STUDY OR STUDIES ON OPIUM GUM YIELD PER HECTARE. IT
IS EQUALLY POSSIBLE THAT THE GOM HAS ANALYZED DISCOVERED
HEROIN CONVERSION LABORATORIES FOR EFFICIENCY AND PRODUC-
TION. (I.E., PRODUCTION CAPACITY PER GIVEN TIME PERIOD,
MORPHINE ALKALOID CONTENT OF OPIUM FOUND IN THE LABORATOR-
IES, PURITY OF HEROIN DISCOVERED IN THE LABORATORIES.
ADULTERANTS AT THE SITE, TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF CHEMICALS
USED IN THE CONVERSION PROCESS(ES) UTILIZED IN THE LAB-
ORATORIES, ETC.) SHOULD SUCH STUDIES OR RELATED STUDIES
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EXIST, THEY WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. RAW DATA FROM INTER-
ROGATIONS OF TRAFFICKERS/DRUG CULTIVATORS AND OTHER BASIC
DATA POSSIBLY IN REPORTS AND FILES OF THE GOM ON THESE
TOPICS COULD ALSO BE VERY VALUABLE.

2. GIVEN THE PERCEIVED SENSITIVITIES OF THE GOM ON NAR-
COTICS MATTERS, WE REALIZE THAT THEY MAY BE RELUCTANT TO

FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD THEY HAVE IT. NEVERTHE-
LESS, AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE COPIES OF STUDIES OF THIS
NATURE SHOULD BE MADE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE THE
EMBASSY'S INQUIRING ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF THESE
DATA AND THEIR BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

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